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For: MICROCOMPUTER PROVIDED WITH FLASH MEMORY AND METHOD OF
STORING PROGRAM INTO FLASH MEMORY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-124403, published May 15, 1998.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-177527, published June 30, 1998.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 7-281962, published October 27, 1995.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-11277, published January 16, 1998.
5. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-6865, published January 12, 1996.

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6. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-161942, published June 19, 1998.
7. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-254694, published September 25, 1998.
8. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-274409, published September 30, 1994.
9. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-98268, published April 12, 1996.
10. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-138391, published May 31, 1996.
11. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-235028, published September 13, 1996.
12. Japanese Patent Application No. 9-238213, published September 9, 1997.
13. Japanese Patent Application No. 9-297713, published November 18, 1997.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant enclose herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites documents 1-8 above and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. In addition, Applicant state that documents 9-13 disclose a control method for storing a data into a flash memory using flag which indicate status of flash memory.

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